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It's Christmas Time at Shelton State!

SHELTON NURSING GRADUATES SCORE HIGHEST RATE IN THE STATE

Ninety-five percent of Shelton State Community College Associate Degree Nursing program graduates from May 2000 passed the National

Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) recently, according to Shelton State President Rick Rogers

The state average passage rate for the registered nurse exam this year was 89%. According to college records, 46 Shelton nursing graduates took the test, and 44 students passed. Graduates from Shelton State and Gadsden State Community College both scored 95%, the highest rate in the state.

"We are extremely pleased with the success of our nursing students," Rogers said. "These test scores are a reflection of the hard work by our students and the commitment of our nursing faculty. We are also appreciative of the support we have received from local physicians and DCH Regional Medical Center."

"We are absolutely thrilled over these scores," said Gladys Hill, director of the college's nursing program. "This is our highest passage rate in the last five years. Our students and our instructors have worked very hard to reach this point, and we are very pleased that the results have been so positive."

"We have many

successful graduates of Shelton's Associate Degree Nursing program. Most of these former students live and work in Tuscaloosa County. Eight of the graduates are from Jefferson County. DCH Regional Medical Center is the largest employer of our nursing graduates. Some of our graduates work in medical offices and local nursing homes," Hill said.

Seventy-eight percent of Shelton's Practical Nursing graduates passed the NCLEX-PN test this year. Seventy-nine percent was the average passage rate for the state.

"The success rate for the practical nursing program improved this year over previous years," Hill said. "We will continue our work to raise the level of success in this program."

SHELTON MUSIC DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The Shelton State Community College music department will hold its annual Christmas concert Monday,

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December 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bean-Brown Theatre. The program will feature the Shelton State Jazz Band directed by Alan Blackshear and the Shelton Singers under the direction of Glinda Blackshear. Dr. Mark Brown will be a guest conductor, and Syble Coats will serve as the accompanist.

Also on December 4 the Singers will sing at the December meeting of the Tuscaloosa Kiwanis Club which will be held at noon at the Tuscaloosa Country Club.

The Bach to Rock Ensemble will also sing often during December. On December 1, they will sing at the annual Christmas brunch for high school counselors held each year at the college and for RISE. On December 8 they will perform at Vance Elementary School that morning and at the First United Methodist Church Christmas banquet that evening.

The ensemble will also sing December 5 at 1 p.m. as part of the Terrific Tuesdays Concert Series at the college. This performance will feature Christmas tunes sung in the college atrium. The performance is free and open to the public.

On December 9 the Bach to Rock ensemble will sing at the West Alabama Mayors' dinner which will be held at the North River Yacht club.

DANCE DEPARTMENT NOW REGISTERING

The Shelton State Department of Dance pre-college division is now registering students ages four and one-half years through high school for spring ballet classes. All classes are held in the dance studio -- room 141. For more information concerning ballet classes, call 391-2317. Classes begin Tuesday, January 16.

Have You Thought of Printing?

Shelton State Community College offers the opportunity to get new skills for a career in the printing industry through our Graphic and Printing Communications program. Good jobs are available in pre-press, press operations, bindery, sales, and counter sales. To learn more about a career in the printing industry, call (205) 349-5079 or 391-2611.

MEET THE QUALITY COUNCIL

Do you know who represents you on the Quality Council? Kim Inman Smith serves as QC leader and represents Team 1. Margie Falls represents Team 2, Lucy Kubiszyn represents Team 4 and Janet Hendrix is from Team 5. At-Large members are Karen Van Luvender, Johnny Parker, Jean Mack, John

Speights and Pam Strong.

The Quality Council meets every other Tuesday and rotates between the Fredd and Martin Campuses. More on the QC can be found on the Team Spirit web page.

ALUMNI CHRISTMAS PARTY

Don't forget! The Shelton State Alumni Christmas party will be Thursday evening, December 7, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Wings Sports Grille found next to the Hampton Inn. Everyone is invited. The Alumni Association will furnish hors d'oeuvres, and dinner will be Dutch treat. It's a fun group. Come join us.

AMAH! AND THE NIGHT VISITORS

Amahl and the Night Visitors will play two days in December at the Bean Brown Theatre. Performances are scheduled December 16 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. There will also be two performances on Sunday, December 17, at 2 and 7 p.m.

Don't forget the President's Breakfast scheduled for Friday, December 15, from 7 - 8 a.m. in the Food Court area. Many thanks to Carolyn and Rick Rogers for hosting this annual event.